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TAGS: MARR, RP
SUBJECT: GEN. ESPINO'S QUESTIONS ABOUT SOVIETS AND MUTUAL
- DEFENSE TREATY (MDT)

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1. WE WOULD RECOMMEND THAT FOR TIME BEING AT LEAST WE
APPROACH THE CONCERNS EXPRESSED BY GEN. ESPINO CONCERNING
THE MUTUAL DEFENSE TREATY (MDT) BY RESPONDING TO THE SPECIFIC
QUESTIONS HE HAS POSED ABOUT ALLEGED SOVIET MISSILES AND
NAVAL BASE IN VIETNAM. THIS IS A MATTER OF INTELLIGENCE
FOR WHICH WE WOULD HOPE SUFFICIENT MATERIAL COULD BE PASSED
QUICKLY TO ESPINO BY LTG MANOR TO ANSWER GOP QUESTIONS.

2. WE ARE CONCERNED THAT ESPINO'S QUESTIONS MAY BE PART OF
PLOY TO REACTIVATE THE ISSUE OF MDT. (IT WILL BE RECALLED
THAT ISSUE OF MDT, WHILE INTENSELY POLITICAL, WAS FIRST
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INJECTED INTO 1976 NEGOTIATIONS BY QUESTION WHICH ESPINO
RAISED IN MILITARY CHANNELS). AT THIS STAGE, HOWEVER, WE
CONSIDER IT IN OUR BEST INTERESTS TO LIMIT RESPONSE TO THE
SPECIFIC INTELLIGENCE QUESTIONS HE HAS ASKED.

3. THE AMBASSADOR RETURNS AUGUST 30 FROM OUT-OF-TOWN
SPEAKING ENGAGEMENT AND MAY WANT TO ADD TO THIS INITIAL

ASSESSMENT. MURPHY

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